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KNOWLTON, Scott

Serial No. : 10/691,244

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VACUUM PACKAGING APPARATUS
AND METHOD

Docket No. 33051-CNT1

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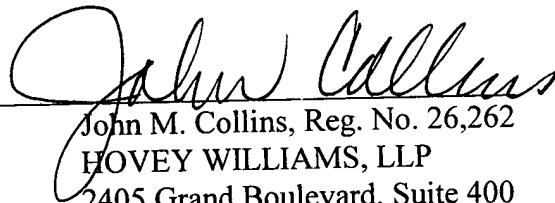
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Invention: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPARTAUS AND METHOD**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated June 24, 2004, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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